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COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Military Information from Parchim

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Between 2 and 10 November 1953, the Neue Kaserne in Parchim was about two third occupied by 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or tank insignia. At 3 p.m. on 2 November, three groups, each of 27 soldiers and 2 officers marched into the installation from the direction of the training grounds, with each group being equipped with carbines, submachine guns and a light machine gun. Four T-34/85 tanks stood in the barracks yard. At 3:30 p.m. on 6 November, 11 trucks, 1 jeep and 3 light armored scout cars [REDACTED] were parked in the yard. At 9 a.m. on 10 November, soldiers cleaned 2 x 37-mm AA guns in the yard. Four trucks towing 2 x 120-mm mortars were parked in front of the garages. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets stood nearby. [REDACTED]

2. Between 2 and 10 November, the Alte Kaserne was occupied to capacity by 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank insignia and some with artillery or motor transport insignia. At 3:30 p.m. on 6 November, 3 groups of 20 unarmed soldiers each practiced marching. At 9 a.m. on 10 November, about 250 troops including about 20 officers fell in in the barracks yard, organized into three columns [REDACTED]

3. Between 2 and 10 November, the Home for Aged People and Neue Heimat installation were partly occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport or artillery insignia. Fatigue details were seen on 4 and 9 November. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Comment. Report tends to indicate that no changes regarding the quartering in Parchim of the two regiments of the 18th Meck Div have occurred compared with last observations [REDACTED]

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